

By Mr. Chadwick of Winchester, petition of Gerald F. McCarthy for legislation to extend the statute of limitations relating to robbery and related crimes against banks and other depositories of money.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Five.

AN ACT EXTENDING THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS RELATING TO ROBBERY AND RELATED CRIMES AGAINST BANKS OR OTHER DEPOSITORIES OF MONEY.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would
2 tend to defeat its purpose, which is to make effective
3 forthwith the extension of the statute of limitations re-
4 lating to robbery and certain related crimes against
5 banks or other depositories of money, therefore it is
6 declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the im-
7 mediate preservation of the public safety.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 63 of chapter 277 of the General
2 Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is
3 hereby amended by inserting after the first sentence
4 the following sentence:— An indictment for the crime
5 or crimes set forth in sections seventeen, eighteen, nine-
6 teen, twenty and twenty-one of chapter two hundred
7 and sixty-five, or for conspiracy to commit such crime
8 or crimes, or as accessory thereto, or any one or more of
9 them may be returned within twenty years of the date
10 of commission of said crime or crimes when the offence
11 was committed in a bank or other depository of money
12 or was related thereto.

1 SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall apply not
2 only to crimes committed after the effective date of this
3 act but also to crimes committed prior thereto on which
4 the statute of limitations has not yet run.

